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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MRO TRIP TO MOSCOW

REF: A) VIENNA 2151 B) MOSCOW 3582
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1. A.V. MEL'NIKOV (DEPUTY CHIEF, ADMINISTRATION FOR TRADE WITH COUNTRIES OF AMERICAS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE) INFORMED COMATT AND COMOFF APRIL 2 THAT MFT HAS AGREED TO SPONSOR VISIT OF MRO WHELAN. MEL'NIKOV ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT PROGRAM SHOULD BEGIN WITH MEETINGS AT MFT, SCST AND FTO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPORTING PRODUCTS IN STUDY. REPRESENTATIVES OF END-USER MINISTRIES MIGHT SIT IN ON SOME FTO MEETINGS, AND/OR FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENTS COULD BE ARRANGED AT MINISTRIES AS AND IF REQUIRED. (RATIONALE REPORTED SEPTTEL.) IN VIEW OF JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETING MEL'NIKOV SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BEGIN APRIL 14, VICE APRIL 7.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THESE GROUND RULES, IF NOT QUITE WHAT WE HAD IN MIND, COULD NEVERTHELESS RESULT IN PRODUCTIVE VISIT. WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT WHELAN DELAY ARRIVAL UNTIL AFTERNOON/EVENING OF APRIL 8 AND SPEND NEXT TWO DAYS AT PUMPS AND COMPRESSORS EXHIBITION, WHICH CLOSES APRIL 10. WE WOULD THEN SCHEDULE 5-7 DAYS OF MEETINGS, BEGINNING APRIL 14, WITH MFT, SCST AND FTO'S WITH REMAINDER OF WEEK
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OF APRIL 21 RESERVED FOR POSSIBLE ADD-ON SESSIONS AT MINISTRIES. HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL BE CHANGED ACCORDINGLY.

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